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## Featured Video...



### Featured Video of the Week

**06/15/09:** Congressman Kirk discusses his efforts to fight the rise of "Kush" in the suburbs, a new type of "super-marijuana" that is as expensive as crack cocaine. [Click here to view the video clip.](#)

## Kirk In the News...

6/16/2009: [Lawmakers offer 'practical' health reform plan](#)

6/16/2009: [Moderates to Present Their Health Care Plan](#)

6/16/2009: [Rep. Kirk wants tougher penalties for super pot](#)

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The Congress is in the midst of a great debate about our policy in Iraq. I would appreciate your views, especially regarding President Bush's proposed troop surge to the region. Please take a moment to complete our online survey. You may also provide further comments by visiting our web site ([www.house.gov/kirk](http://www.house.gov/kirk)) and sending me a message through the "write Mark" button.

### Regarding the situation in Iraq, do you support or oppose the President's proposed surge of 21,000 troops?

- ☐ Support the surge  
☐ Oppose the surge  
☐ Do not know

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Dear Friends,

The Congress got off to a busy start, considering a number of bills as part of the new Speaker's "100 hours." I supported many of these bills, offering bipartisan support to get the Congress moving in the new year.

During our first month, I supported the following measures:

1. Implementing new ethics rules restricting the activities of lobbyists and instituting "pay-as-you-go" budget rules.
2. Enacting the remaining recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, including the inspection of all luggage entering civil airliners.
3. Updating the minimum wage for the first time in a decade.

4. Supporting federal funding for stem cell research to

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4. Supporting federal funding for stem cell research to offer hope to patients fighting cancer, Alzheimer's or Parkinsons.

5. Cutting interest rates for student loans in half.

6. Moving the U.S. towards energy independence by cutting subsidies for large oil companies and boosting funding for alternative energy.

7. Killing pensions for members of Congress convicted of a felony.

There is more to be done. In recent days, I introduced legislation to boost education Impact Aid for 10<sup>th</sup> district schools and to implement a new measure to stop the damage caused by alien species in Lake Michigan. I am also leading a new funding effort for a joint Navy/VA hospital to care for our Illinois veterans.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact my Northbrook office at (847) 940-0202 or visit my website at <http://www.house.gov/kirk>.

It is an honor to serve you in the Congress.

Sincerely,

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Mark Kirk  
Member of Congress

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